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COUNTRY _____ REPORT NO. _____

TOPIC Falkensee Restricted Area

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED _____ 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT End of November to 18 December 1953

DATE OBTAINED _____ DATE PREPARED 18 January 1954

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1. A female employee with the local-government board in Falkensee stated that, at the end of November 1953, a number of dwellings in Falkensee would be requisitioned for Soviet dependents, while the vacated German families would be accommodated on Koch Strasse. Informant also said that the houses along the northern section of Thaelmann Strasse, See Strasse and the residential blocks along Promenade north of the railroad station would be vacated by Christmas 1953.
2. According to a rumor circulating in Falkensee at the end of November 1953, the Soviets required about 15 houses for their dependents. At the beginning of December, there were rumors that the German house owners would be allowed to remain in their requisitioned houses and that Soviet dependents would move in with them. No Soviet families had apparently arrived in Falkensee up to 9 December. Source determined in mid-December that a large dwelling house between Bredow Strasse and Blumen Strasse and 12 other dwellings were occupied by Soviet dependents. Some Soviet officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed there on 18 December. Allegedly, additional houses on Park Strasse had to be vacated; however, the evacuation had not yet been effected by 18 December.
3. During the first days in December 1953, motor vehicles occupied by Soviet officers were repeatedly observed in the former restricted area in Falkensee. The officers inspected the houses which were still vacant. There were rumors among the civilian population that numerous Soviet officers dependents would be quartered in Falkensee.
4. A German who resided near Stalin Strasse in Falkensee stated on 16 December that Stalin Strasse was again occupied by Soviets. 1
5. At the beginning of December, a night-watchman stated that the Soviet material depot near the railroad station would be transferred by rail to the factory buildings of the former Berlin-Schoenfelder-Industriewerke.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the recent requisitioning of dwellings in the Falkensee restricted area or on adjacent streets was confirmed. The reported arrival of Soviet officers dependents is believed to be correct.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The material depot mentioned is a Soviet Army division depot. Its transfer has not been confirmed but is believed possible.

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